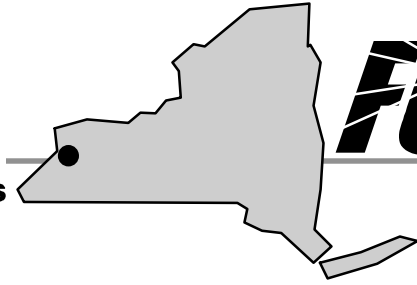




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FUSRAP Fact Sheet

Seaway Site Tonawanda, New York

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This fact sheet has been prepared to address community outreach needs and is consistent with provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Fact sheets are one part of an effort to provide public information on environmental restoration and waste management.



Site history and description

The Seaway Site is located along River Road in Tonawanda, New York in an urban/industrial area. Between 1930 and 1995 Browning Ferris Industries operated a landfill at the site that accepted a variety of municipal, commercial, construction, and industrial wastes. The area comprises about 100 acres and is called the Seaway Industrial Park. The current owner of the site is the Sands Mobile Park Corporation.

The Manhattan Engineer District (MED), a predecessor of the U.S. Department of Energy, hired the former Linde Air Products Division of Union Carbide to process uranium from 1942 to 1946. Residues from uranium processing were transported from the Linde Site to the Ashland 1 Site and Seaway Area D. This material was later relocated to the Seaway Areas A, B, C, and the Ashland 2 Sites. Approximately 6,000 cubic yards of low-grade uranium ore tailings were disposed of on Seaway Areas A, B, and C in 1974.

Area A is an eleven-acre area. It is estimated that 40 percent of Area A is covered by a layer of fill material and refuse up to 10 feet thick. Areas B and C combined are approximately four acres. It is estimated that Areas B and C have been covered with up to 40 feet of fill material and refuse.

The cleanup guidelines for Area D were determined under the Record of Decision for Ashland 1, Ashland 2, and Seaway Area D which was signed in April, 1998. Remediation of Area D began during the 2000 construction season.

What is FUSRAP?

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was initiated by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1974 to identify and clean up sites that became contaminated with materials used in the early years of the Nation's Atomic Energy Program for development of the atomic bomb. Today the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers manages this program. The Seaway Site was designated into FUSRAP in 1984.

What is the Current Status?

It has been determined that additional information is needed to define the amount and location of contamination in Seaway Site Areas A, B, and C. The Corps will be performing drilling operations to obtain core samples from portions of the landfill where MED material was placed. These samples will be tested and the results will be used to better define the depth of the contaminated areas as well as the nature of the contamination. Additional sampling will also be performed to confirm that groundwater is not contaminated. The results from these studies will be summarized in a report that will be made available to the public when it is complete.

For More Information

For more information, please call the FUSRAP toll-free public access line. Your call will be returned promptly. FUSRAP also has a home page on the Internet and you can send us e-mail.

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